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Title: LAMP CAP, ASSEMBLY OF LAMP BURNER AND LAMP CAP, AND METHOD  
OF FASTENING A LAMP

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination, please  
amend the above-identified application as follows, where marked-up  
versions of the amended claims 3, 4, 5, 7 and 9 are attached as  
Appendix A:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1 3. (Amended) An arrangement of a lamp burner and a lamp cap as  
2 claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the lamp burner (1) is  
3 fixedly connected to the springs, at least one spring leg (4) in  
4 the connected state being subject to a force which is directed in  
5 the displacement plane perpendicularly to the direction of the  
6 degree of freedom.

1 4. (Amended) An arrangement of a lamp burner and a lamp cap as  
2 claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the lamp burner (1) is  
3 fixedly welded to the spring cup in its holder.

1 5. (Amended) A method of fastening a lamp in a lamp cap which  
2 comprises a spring cup as defined in claim lone of the claims 1,

3 wherein the lamp is first aligned with reference to the lamp cap  
4 and is subsequently fixedly connected to the spring cup,  
5 characterized in that the lamp burner (1) is aligned in the  
6 displacement plane and is kept in the aligned position until it has  
7 been fixedly connected to the spring cup.

1 7. (Amended) A method of fastening a lamp burner as claimed in  
2 claim 5, characterized in that the lamp burner (1) is aligned along  
3 at least one further degree of freedom.

1 9. (Amended) A method of fastening a lamp burner as claimed in  
2 claim 1, characterized in that the lamp burner (1) is aligned along  
3 at least six axes.

## REMARKS

The claims have been amended to delete multiple dependencies. The above amendments are submitted to place this application in proper U.S. format. Entry of the amendment and an early action on the merits are solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Appendix A

Version with Markings  
to Show Changes Made to the Claims

The following are marked up versions of amended claims 3, 4, 5, 7 and 9:

1 3. (Amended) An arrangement of a lamp burner and a lamp cap as  
2 claimed in claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~, characterized in that the lamp  
3 burner (1) is fixedly connected to the springs, at least one spring  
4 leg (4) in the connected state being subject to a force which is  
5 directed in the displacement plane perpendicularly to the direction  
6 of the degree of freedom.

1 4. (Amended) An arrangement of a lamp burner and a lamp cap as  
2 claimed in claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~, characterized  
3 in that the lamp burner (1) is fixedly welded to the spring cup in  
4 its holder.

1 5. (Amended) A method of fastening a lamp in a lamp cap which  
2 comprises a spring cup as defined in claim 1 ~~one of the claims 1~~  
3 ~~and 2~~, wherein the lamp is first aligned with reference to the lamp  
4 cap and is subsequently fixedly connected to the spring cup,  
5 characterized in that the lamp burner (1) is aligned in the  
6 displacement plane and is kept in the aligned position until it has  
7 been fixedly connected to the spring cup.

1 7. (Amended) A method of fastening a lamp burner as claimed in  
2 claim 5 ~~or claim 6~~, characterized in that the lamp burner (1) is  
3 aligned along at least one further degree of freedom.

9. (Amended) A method of fastening a lamp burner as claimed in  
claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~, characterized in that the  
lamp burner (1) is aligned along at least six axes.